

Elba Chamber of Commerce plans "Dining for Signs" event

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a "Dining for Signs" event in August of 2004. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the purchase of a lighted, brick sign to be placed at the Highway 87 (Troy Highway) entranceway into the City of Elba.

Chamber officials said the event was an overwhelming success, and construction of the enhanced welcoming tool recently was completed at the

Hwy. 87 entranceway. Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that the chamber is planning a second "Dining for Signs" event for Thursday, May 18, at the Elba Recreation Center, Claxton Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

"We had a great response from the first 'Dining for Signs' and look forward to this upcoming event," Whitworth said.

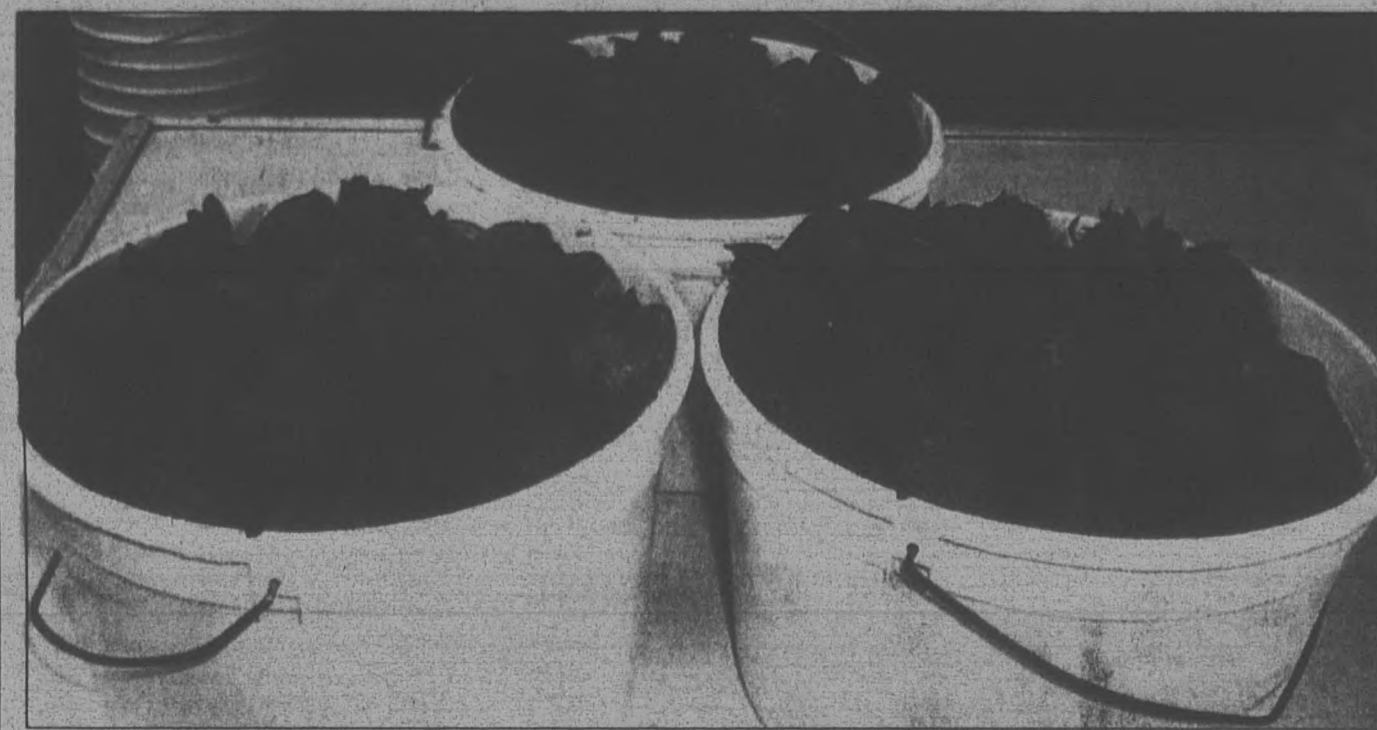
"Plans are to use funds raised through this effort to construct a welcome sign at the Highway 84 East entranceway into Elba." As before, tables will be sponsored by different members of the community during "Dining for Signs." The event will include a catered meal and entertainment.

For more information regarding "Dining for Signs" contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125.



COUNTRY BEST FARM Strawberries • Now Available

Monday - Saturday • 7 am - 6 pm



Bobby & Joshua Helms
Producers

393-7224

Fesh...right off the farm
country style!

HWY 84 WEST & MOATES RD • ENTERPRISE
84 West, 0.6 before Highway 84 Bypass, in Enterprise

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE currently is preparing for the upcoming "Dining for Signs" event to be held Thursday, May 18. Kaye Whitworth (left) and Melissa Flowers (right) certainly are looking forward to the event. With dinnerware in hand, the two recently visited the site of the "Welcome to Elba" sign constructed at the Highway 87 (Troy Highway) entranceway into the city. They hope the community will once again show support for this venture and help the Chamber generate enough funds to allow for the construction of additional matching signs around the city.

Basic Computer Course offered at LBWCC-MacArthur Campus

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. for four weeks. Classes will be held in the Computer Science Department, Room G-1. The class will begin on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 and end on Thursday, May 25, 2006.

How to Use Your Personal Computer is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-on course will cover Windows XP, Microsoft Word 2003, and the Internet. The cost of the course is \$35.00 per participant plus an additional fee for the textbook. Anyone interested in this course should register before Tuesday, May 2, 2006. For more information or to register please contact Susan DeB at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5360.

Enterprise-Ozark Community College to hold Honors Day April 18th

The public is invited to attend Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Thirty-third Annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m., to be held in Lurleen B. Wallace Hall (Student Center), Multipurpose Room. Students being recognized include top academic achievers, top divisional academic achievers, organizational affiliation honors such as Who's Who and United States Achievement Academy scholars, transfer scholarship recipients, and the most prestigious honor the President's Cup recipients.

HAPPY ASTER!



PROGRAM CARS, TRADES and more TRADES

GREAT INVENTORY WE ARE PROUD TO DIS-
At Cook Chevrolet and Cook Ford

Striving to Stock the Very Best Automobile inventory for our Friends and Neighbors.
All these vehicles are NEW to our lot! Vehicles that will look great in the driveway or on the highway

 #229P 2006 CHEVROLET CREW CAB 4 X 2 - Like New	 #282P 2002 F-150 SUPER CREW XLT Clean - Must See	 #284P 2003 TRAIL BLAZER EXT Priced Right	 #230P1 2003 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER AT-4 - Sharp
 #228P 2004 TOYOTA AVALON LX8 AT-6 - 30K Miles, Clean	 #225P 2004 COLORADO CREW CAB LS 4 X 2 - 22K Miles	 #252P 2006 TRAIL BLAZER LS Only 7K Miles - Priced Right	 #254P 2005 MALIBU LS 2 to Choose From - Great Buy
 #221P 2004 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5 Get on Gas	 #226P 2003 EDDIE BAUER EXPEDITION Priced Right	 #228P1 1998 GMC YUKON SLT - Leather - Very Clean - Local Trade-Only 87K Miles	 #248P 2005 MONTE CARLO LS Great Buy
 #227P1 2002 FORD RANGER SPORTSIDE Ext Cab - AT-6 - Very Sharp	 #221P 2003 CHEVROLET CAM/CHASSIS Crew Cab - LT - 4 X 4 - AT - Diesel	 #218P 2005 TOYOTA COROLLA CE AT-4 - Great on Gas	 #228P 2006 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING AT-6 - Clean Car

NO Applications Turned Down
Financing Available For Everyone!!!!
Cook Chevrolet, Inc - Cook Ford, Inc

897-2297 • 1-800-422-4680 • 610 N. Troy Highway • Elba, Alabama 36323 • 897-3130 • 1-888-870-9406 • 620 N. Troy Highway

ARCHIVES/COLLECTION MAN 1-1-2008
624 WASHINGTON AVE
MONTGOMERY AL 36130-0100

his third birthday

INSIDE

ZC students
participate in
powerlifting event

INSIDE

Elba Lady Tigers
clinch section
softball title

The Elba Clipper

Volume 109, Number 45

50 Cents

Elba, Alabama

Thursday, April 20, 2006

1 Section, 14 Pages Plus 1 Adv. Insert

During Elba BOE meeting

Superintendent reports good financial conditions

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members heard good news from Superintendent Danny Weeks last Thursday evening during the review of the financial statement.

Weeks told board members that the school's financial condition was "as sound as we have been since I have been here." The local schools, as most in Alabama, are just beginning to overcome the financial hit they took during recent years when state funds to local schools were prorated after budgets had been approved and teachers hired.

The schools are required to maintain a minimum cash reserve to cover such emergencies. The Elba system had to dip heavily into those reserves more than once when promised state funds were suddenly reduced.

The superintendent reminded board members that he had informed them at the last monthly meeting of his actions at their request to put part of this required reserve on higher yielding CDs. The school now has four of these interest bearing certificates at \$100,000 each.

Some other school funds are in interest bearing checking accounts, but at a lower interest rate. The CNP Fund (lunchrooms) is also sound, with the necessary state department reserves also in place.

The board voted to adopt the new state textbook list. Science books were up for review this year and were approved by a state committee and a committee from the local school system. Adopting the state list doesn't necessarily mean the books will be purchased this year. That is based on needs and available money in the textbook fund.

The board approved the disability retirement of David Stokes, beginning May 1, 2006. Amelia Rhoades' resignation as head volleyball coach was also approved. She will remain in the school system, but is stepping down as a coach.

Sending the annual termination letter to all non-tenured and probationary personnel was also approved at the recommendation of the superintendent.

Superintendent Weeks addressed the board with several

al items of interest to board members, parents, teachers and area citizens:

The system has again received SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accreditation. The Elba

Please See BOE, Page 14

NOTICE

According to William C. Gresham, President of the Elba City School Board, the Elba City School Board of Alabama requires candidates for state or local office to file statements detailing political positions about their campaign finance.

(Privacy) Election candidates must file their Fair Campaign Practices summary of campaign finance and expenditures by April 21, 2006. Candidates running for state office file with the Secretary of State or with the Probate Judge for candidates running for county office. 117-224-6000 Code of Alabama.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Residents reminded of trash pickup schedule

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting Monday evening, April 3, New Brockton Town Council members reminded citizens of the town's scheduled route for trash and landfill pickup.

Mayor Charles Cole said the route remains as follows, and trash will only be picked up according to this schedule:

Monday: Sugar St., Ross St., Adams St., Lee St., S. Dawkins, Church St., S. John from traffic light to Glory to Him Fellowship, S. Tyler, E. and S. McGowan, Byrd Mill Rd., Powell Rd., Griss Mill Rd. and E. McKinnon.

Tuesday: Metcalf, Rainey, Brock, King, N. Dawkins, Cemetery St., N. John, Fleming, Railroad, Rowe Bridge Rd. and Sparks St.

Wednesday: Landfill - whole town

Thursday: Corey, Willow, Fitzsimmons, W. McKinnon, Knight, Langston, Watkins, Durham and N. Ainsley.

Friday: Morton, S. Ainsley, Martin Luther King, S. Watkins, Caldwell, Youngblood, Sawyer, Faulk, Clay, Till Alley, Pearl, Trudy, Mack, Rest of S. John and N. Tyler.

Mayor Cole also reminded citizens that it is necessary to follow the rules for trash pickup, especially the separation of the two different kinds of trash - 1)

leaves and limbs and 2) landfill. He said the types of trash must be separated because they go to two different places.

According to the rules, leaves, grass and pine straw must be bagged while limbs cannot exceed four inches in diameter and four feet in length. Trash for the landfill includes metal, wood, glass, plastic and old appliances.

Please See TOWN, Page 14

Joe Sawyer announces candidacy for State Senate

Joe Sawyer recently announced his candidacy for the State Senate representing all of Coffee and Covington counties and parts of Dale and Houston counties. Sawyer grew up in Coffee County, the son of a small grocery store owner, and worked to pay his way through college and law school. He joined the



Joe Sawyer

Marine Corps in 1970 and served in Vietnam, Thailand and Japan and retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as a full Colonel.

"Because of my upbringing, I care very deeply about working people who are striving to do better for themselves and their families," Sawyer said. "Unfortunately, working people are not being represented in Montgomery. Instead, it's the large corporations that can hire expensive lobbyists that basically run the show. I sincerely feel that it is time the residents of Coffee, Covington, Dale and Houston counties have a Senator that represents them."

Sawyer is a graduate of New

Brockton High School, The Citadel, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Cumberland Law School. He has used his education to help run a small family business started by his grandfather in 1915 and is a local lawyer advocating for working people who sometimes find themselves fighting the big corporations.

"Public service was instilled in me at an early

age. I have been fortunate to serve in various capacities for the past 30 years, including as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives and as a member of the Alabama Senate.

"I am proud to be a part of the team. A couple of editorials were included in the paper's public service entry, and I worked with the group of reporters who covered the story in the city in the first week after the storm. We used my house and other staffers' houses in the dry part of the city as our makeshift office. We were lucky enough to find a few working phones, so we could call our editorials and stories in to the editors who had set up a temporary office in Baton Rouge."

She is a University of Alabama graduate and earned a

Please See TIES, Page 14

REMINDER

Chapter Four of "Thinking the Train" is located on Page 18 of today's paper.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY is now open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

THE COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD (ECB) will conduct its quarterly board meeting Monday, April 24, at 6 p.m. in the Elba City School Board room in the county office complex in New Brockton. The public is invited to attend.

THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY'S 67 COUNTY CONVENTION will meet Wednesday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elba City School Board room in the county office complex in New Brockton. The public is invited to attend.

THE NEW ELBA STATION FISH FESTIVAL will be held on Friday, April 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Elba City School Board room in the county office complex in New Brockton. The public is invited to attend.

FORMER GOVERNOR DON SEIGLEMAN, left, was passing through Elba, between campaign stops, on a recent Saturday afternoon and asked to see the progress, and results, of the Elba levee rehab which was begun during his administration. The work was funded with a \$19 million combined state and federal grant. Above Elba Clipper publisher Ferrin Cox is explaining the automatic gauges which help monitor the river stages over the entire Pea River basin. They are funded and monitored by the Choctawhatchee, Pea & Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority.

per plant."

The paper quoted the judges further with, "In recognizing the newspaper for breaking news, the judges cited 'courageous and aggressive coverage of Hurricane Katrina, overcoming desperate conditions facing the city and the newspaper.'"

Troncale said Tuesday, "It was truly a team effort! I am proud to be a part of the team. A couple of editorials were included in the paper's public service entry, and I worked with the group of reporters who covered the story in the city in the first week after the storm. We used my house and other staffers' houses in the dry part of the city as our makeshift office. We were lucky enough to find a few working phones, so we could call our editorials and stories in to the editors who had set up a temporary office in Baton Rouge."

She is a University of Alabama graduate and earned a

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

with Fern Cox

Avoid war with Iran. That is our advice to America's leaders. They shouldn't need such words from a country newspaper editor, but then they were surprised that Iraq didn't suddenly become a quiet, peace loving nation once Saddam was out of power. We wrote at the time Washington began talking about invading Iraq "and making them a democratic state" that those folks have been fighting each other through recorded history and are not about to stop because we tell them to do so. Now we have a tiger by the tail and there is no good way to turn loose.

Judas as the good guy. That is the story coming from some just released writings of long, long ago. The story goes that Judas betrayed Jesus at the request of Jesus himself. That goes completely against the teachings of the Holy Bible. . . . and our beliefs. It is real simple to find books today which contradict the known facts. Some folks write such stuff just to sell books, there are others who probably believe some part of their story, or at least disbelieve the fact. We are still hearing different ideas of how certain famous people died. . . right on back to King Tut. The killing of President Kennedy is not the first to stir up emotions, nor is his assassin's death. There are books which "prove" conspiracy to kill President Lincoln, President Garfield, dozens which advance differing ideas of the cause of the Civil War. The list goes on and on. This Judas story countermands all other records of that day and doesn't deserve even the space we have devoted to it here.

At Jacksonville State University six of ten honor grads this Spring are getting degrees in . . . education, mostly elementary. That should bowe well with the future of our upcoming generations of youngsters eager to learn . . . assuming these new graduates can teach as well as they learn.

The Alabama Legislature has adjourned from the 2006 regular session. It happened in the wee hours of this morning, therefore we must reserve judgement on the session until we find out exactly what they did. . . . or did not pass on this last day. The constitutional amendment that hung up the session on this last day maybe met it's just reward. Most of us don't like the idea of government taking our property for any purpose. The idea of taking our property and giving it to some other individual or company so they can make money really grates on our nerves. We have a law to stop that already. However, this new version, or constitutional amendment, apparently really causes a change in operations. Many state and city groups came out fighting the bill and fought until the dying hour of April 17th. Adding amendments or taking out clauses didn't seem to help much. That bill is dead, at least for a while, no debate on that fact anywhere in Alabama. If it is a good idea to have this in a constitutional amendment, we suggest offering the very law the legislature has already passed, no changes, not even a comma. That will make the law a bit harder to change in the middle of the night and at the same time opponents can't claim they are being shafted.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Apr. 10, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, three for domestic violence, one forgery, two for criminal mischief and one reckless endangerment. The following arrests were made: one for a parole violation and two for failure to appear. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for no driver's license, two for a vehicle ordinance violation, two for no insurance and two for not wearing a seat belt. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, APR. 10** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 664 Reynolds St. (4:07 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at the end of Riverview (6:04 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the area of Johnson and Morrow Ave. (8:37 p.m.). **TUESDAY, APR. 11** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1498 County Rd. 124 (10:32 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Dr. Roberts Dr. (12:15 p.m.); Report of a fire alarm at Elba Elementary School (1:18 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to Elba Elementary School (1:29 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Brannon Circle (5:13 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (7:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1032 Martin Luther King Dr. Lot 8 (9:16 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1623 Parker St. (10:23 p.m.). **WEDNESDAY, APR. 12** - Civil disturbance reported on Brunson Circle (8:12 p.m.). **THURSDAY, APR. 13** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 857 County Rd. 134 (6:26 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on County Rd. 501 (1:38 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 501 (1:42 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 87 N. (2:52 p.m.). **FRIDAY, APR. 14** - Domestic disturbance report at 809 Neil Grantham Dr. (12:36 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 490 County Rd. 521 (3:37 p.m.). **SATURDAY, APR. 15** - Attempted burglary reported at 128 Old Curtis Rd. (1:16 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. at the park (10:02 p.m.). **SUNDAY, APR. 16** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6763 County Rd. 410 (11:08 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Jackson St. (4:46 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on County Rd. 410 (8:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 410 (8:14 p.m.); Report of vehicles drag racing on Hwy. 189 S. near Shiloh Baptist Church (11:25 p.m.).

The Elba Clipper

USPS 171-080
is published every Thursday by The Elba Clipper,
417 W. Buford St., Elba, Alabama 36323
Publication Postage paid at Elba, Alabama 36323

Copyright - all Rights Reserved
TELEPHONE (334) 897-2823 or fax (334) 897-3434
Toll Free 1-888-216-8050 • e-mail clipper@alaweb.com

John Fernin Cox - PUBLISHER
Linda Hodge - EDITOR
Ricki Mularz - SPORTS
Heddy J. Cox - BUSINESS MANAGER

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$21 per year
6 Months - \$11, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$24 per year - including tax
6 months - \$13
Outside Alabama - \$27 per year - 6 months - \$15



ELBA FILLED WITH ARTISTS....The artwork of many Elba residents is on display through the end of April at the Elba Public Library. The oil painting selections on display are from classes taught by Linda Rawls of Rose Hill. Rawls comes to the Elba Recreation Center on Monday mornings and Thursday evenings to teach classes. To find out more, visit the Elba Public Library.

SAWYER (Continued from Page One)

age," said Sawyer. "My father was in the Army Air Force and fought in World War II. My parents and grandparents were good neighbors and good citizens in Coffee County. They believed in giving back, and that is why I am running for the State Senate."

Sawyer said his focus will be on improving local schools in the area and fighting to repeal the sales tax on food and prescription drugs as two of his top priorities.

"My grandparents and parents ran a small grocery store in New Brockton for almost 100 years. As a boy, I remember people coming into the store who worked hard for a living; they scraped to get by, yet they had to pay sales tax for the essentials of food and medicine," Sawyer said. "That is wrong. It is immoral, and I will fight to eliminate the sales tax on food and medicine."

Sawyer also said he will fight to make local schools and the community college system a high priority for funding.

"Everyone knows our schools need more funding so that we

SUTTON

(Continued from Page One)

agement. He also is a graduate of the Command and General Staff Army College.

As his Army career neared an end with a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Sutton once again became involved in law enforcement. He applied and was accepted to join the Elba Police reserve program which led him to attend and graduate from the Southwest Alabama Police Academy attaining his law enforcement certification in Alabama.

A short time later, Sutton was hired by the Ozark Police Department as a full-time officer. After two years with the department, he was selected by the Army to be an instructor in the Junior Reserve Officers Corps. Sutton accepted this position and has now been with the Enterprise High School JROTC for seven years as the Senior Army Instructor.

"My overall goal is to become the next Sheriff of Coffee County," Sutton said. "I will surround my program with excellent personnel with all the same traits I believe in - Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage."

As a leader, Sutton said he will provide purpose, direction and motivation to those that work with and for me.

FAX SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE ELBA CLIPPER

Elba Florist

GIFTS & INTERIORS

316 Simmons St. Elba, AL 36323 897-2700

Remember Professional Secretary's Week

Next Week

April 24-28

We have

Cut Flower Vase

Arrangements

Blooming Plant Gardens

Candles & Pompadour

All Major Brands of China, Silverware & Stoneware
Lennox, Mikasa, Noritake, Wedgwood, Royal Doulton, Oneda, Gorham,
Platzgraf, FiestaWare, Reed & Barton

Don't just carry your hard earned money...

Place it where it works for you!

5.25%
Interest Rate

5.35%
APY*
on a nine month CD

Visit us today and ask about our latest CD Options

*Annual Percentage Yield
\$1,000 minimum balance requirement to open account and obtain annual percentage yield; fees may reduce yield; a penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal; APY is accurate as of March 31, 2006; these rates are subject to change and this offer may be withdrawn at any time. You will receive additional disclosures regarding the CD. Additional products and CD rates do not apply. Offer not available to financial institutions.

Elba Office (334) 897-2252 Enterprise Office (334) 347-8296 New Brockton Office (334) 896-4235



Obituaries

FRANCIS ALTON CARLILE
Mr. Francis Alton "Al" Carlile, age 77, of Dothan, Ala., died April 14, 2006 at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held April 17, 2006 at Byrd Funeral Home Chapel in Dothan with Rev. Ken Harrison and Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in Memory Hill Cemetery with Byrd Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Betty Carpenter, Carlile, Dothan; one son: Ricky Alton (wife Debbie) Carlile, Elba; two daughters: Pamela Kay McCollough, Elba, Deborah Bayle (husband Kenny) Ham, Dothan; six grandchildren: Allison McNeese, Amanda Campbell, Bucky Carlile, Lacy Carlile, Raean McCollough, Ryan McCollough; and a brother: James Carlile, Brantley, Ala.

GLORIA CARNLEY

Mrs. Gloria Carnley, age 67, died Friday, April 14, 2006 at her son's residence.

Funeral services were held April 17, 2006 at the chapel of Fuqua-Bankston Funeral Home in Ozark, Ala., with the Reverends Donnie Earles and Kenneth Earles officiating. Burial followed Haw Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are requested to be given to Wiregrass Hospice, 1970 E.

Andrews Ave., Ozark, AL 36360.

Mrs. Carnley was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Anderson "Captain" Carnley.

Survivors include two daughters: Sue (husband Donnie) Earles, Samson, Ala.; Debbie Screws, Sebring, Fla.; three sons: Douglas (wife Daphne) Carnley, Avon Park, Fla.; Howard (wife Brenda) Carnley, Avon Park, Michael (wife Angie) Carnley, Asbury; two sisters: Rosie Lee (husband Scottie) Scott, Ozark, Linda (husband Jan) Congdon, Lehigh Acres, Fla.; three brothers: Wayne Bryant, Elba, Ala., Junior (wife Elaine) Bryant, Elba, Herman Bryant, Ocata, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren.

JOHN TAVIE

Mr. John Tavie, age 52, died April 10, 2006.

Funeral services were held April 15, 2006 at the Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. W.L. Walker officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Tavie was preceded in death by his parents, Semmie Nora and Joe Kirven Warren; and five brothers, Willie Sam Warren, John William Warren, Huey Lee Warren, Donald Wayne Silar and William Jesse Wiregrass.

Survivors include his wife: Carolyn Warren; two daughters: Benita Sanders, Janet Lee Warren, N.J.; one son: John Warren Jr., all of N.J.; four brothers: Eugene Warren, Enterprise, Ala.; Billy Roy Warren, Geneva, Ala.; Charles Warren Jr., Elba, Ala.; Johnson Warren, Dothan, Ala.; five sisters: Ruthie Mae (Jimmy Frank) Hill, Chancellor, Ala.; Mary Jean Warren, Elba, Margaret Henderson, Opp, Ala.; Mary Florence (Elder L.J.) Walker, Luverne, Ala.; Mary Helen Silar, Goshen, Ala.; and 14 grandchildren.

ROGIE LYNN HAMMONDS

Ms. Rogie Lynn Hammonds, age 48, of Elba, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held April 13, 2006 at Shady Grove AME Church in Elba with Rev. Freddie Flowers officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Larkia (Clarence) Brown, Headland, Ala.; Alice (Timothy) Kelly, Enterprise, Ala.; her loving companion: Owen Thomas, Elba; her mother, Lucille Hammonds, Elba; three stepchildren: Owen DeWen Thomas, Atlanta, Ga.; Beverly (James) Gregg, Elba; Jacqueline Gaines, Atlanta; and three sisters: Rebecca (Ben) Daniels, Sandra Hammonds,

Linda (Tom) Hooks; three brothers: Thomas (Dottie) Hammonds, Lorenzo (Jeanette) Hammonds, Terrell Hammonds, all of Elba; five grandchildren: Clarence and Claren, Headland; Khaleb, Timia, and Timora, Enterprise; and one grandmother: Catherine Water, Elba.

ANNA RENE MACON

Anna Rene Macon, age 3, died Monday, April 3, 2006 at Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando, Fla.

Funeral services were held at Indian River City United Methodist Church.

Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her parents: David and Shelley Macon, Titusville; her brother: Drew Macon; her grandparents: Dale (Boswell) Kindred, David Macon and wife Linda, all of Elba, Ala.; David and Karen Cherni; and Robin Siemen; great-grandparents: Kate Macon and the late Harry Macon of Elba; Harry and Esther Siemen; Marge and Steven Cherni; and the late Q.P. Daniels, Sandra Hammonds,

Dear Editor,

We are blessed to have a number of qualified contenders running for Sheriff.

I feel that it is very important to inform you about one of these men. This man is Ricky Barnes. Now, I don't have a great portfolio of accomplishments about Ricky, but I refer you to the scriptures. "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

For the last three years, I have witnessed a man that walks the extra mile and follows Jesus' instruction to the disciples. "Be as wise as a serpent and as gentle as a dove."

In our county, there are many things that have been hidden in the dark, but Ricky knows how to gently bring them to the light through wisdom of prayer and experience. He has assisted us in ministry on many occasions, and we feel that all of the men are good in this race.

However, the one that reminds us most of Andy Taylor in Mayberry (the man who stops crime in a positive, Godly fashion) is Ricky Barnes.

Van Johnson
Team Jesus Ministry

SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pre-need funeral planning now available at
Hayes Funeral Home
For details Call 897-2225

FAX SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE ELBA CLIPPER

COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME and COLEMAN & SOWELL MEMORIAL & VAULT COMPLETE CEMETERY WORK

We now have 2 locations to serve you

703 Adams Ave. Elba • 701 Daleville Ave. Enterprise
(334) 897-6148 (334) 393-6583
PRE-NEED FUNERAL & MONUMENT AVAILABLE
We Serve With Dignity & Care

Horizon Vault & Monument Company, Inc.

Caring service when it matters the most

P.O. Box 678
1614 County Road 359
Elba, AL 36323

Locally Owned & Operated by
Heath and Jessica Wyrosdick (334) 897-8300

Wildflowers Florist & Gifts

Now In Stock

SOLAR CROSSES

\$29.95

322 Buford Street

897-3010

or

800-894-1880

Sanders Earth Construction
Dirty work for clean prices

Services

- Dozer
- Tractor
- Bush hog
- Landscape
- Lawn Care
- Dirt
- Sand
- Gravel
- Backhoe
- Tree Removal

Owned and Operated By:
Jeremy Sanders
Elba, Alabama
Phone (334) 406-0423
Southern Link ID 1*872825

FOCUS ON FACTS

A WHOLE LOT OF SHAKING

It was Wednesday April 18, 1906. Racing westward at more than 17 miles a minute, the sun brought its morning light first to the east coast, then to Detroit and on to Chicago. Blazing its way across the Prairies and into the Rockies, great fields of spring grass and peaks of melting snow began sparkling as the sun arrived.

Near the Pacific coast in central California, deep beneath the flowers and fruit fields where the sun never penetrates, the force with which two great plates of rock were pressing against one another became too great. At 5:12 AM, shortly before the sun arrived, the San Andreas Fault snapped like a rubber band.

Streaking towards the surface, the devastating power that normally sleeps miles beneath the earth's crust, exploded under San Francisco. Buildings toppled as if they were little matchstick houses. Sewer and water mains crumpled. Roads pitched, and then buckled. Power lines snapped like strands of thread. Underground gas lines burst open, pouring their deadly contents into the air. After a minute, the shaking stopped and the burning began.

Without any water to stop them, flames spread quickly. Firemen and residents, helpless to do otherwise, fled for their lives. The city quickly turned into a giant inferno, with temperatures reaching 2,000 degrees.

Finally, on Saturday night, the rains came. The burning was over. In three days, the firestorm had consumed 30 schools, 80 churches, and 250,000 homes. It had consumed over 2,831 acres, or 490 city blocks. More than 3,000 people were dead. Physical damages topped \$250 million (nearly \$5 billion in 2001 dollars).

Showing the determination used to create a nation, San Francisco's residents set about rebuilding their city. A scant nine years later, they celebrated its resurrection by hosting the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition.

To find out the rest of the story, take **The Web Journey**.

THE GREAT SHAKE: San Francisco, 1906

Created by the Exploratorium, a museum of science, art, and human perception, this exhibit is housed in San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts, this story of the earthquake and its devastation includes original photographs, and first-person accounts. Ellen Klages authored the accompanying article.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/3f3h3>

The Story of an Eyewitness: Jack London

Better known for his books such as *The Call of the Wild*, London also worked as a journalist for numerous magazines. Living forty miles from San Francisco, Collier's Magazine sent him to record his observations upon learning of the tragedy. London's account of the drama first appeared on May 5, 1906.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/3676r>

The Great 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire

This exhibit, mounted by the Virtual Museum of the City of San Francisco, includes a large quantity of primary source material about the earthquake, ensuring fire, relief efforts, and subsequent rebuilding efforts. Included are original newspaper articles, photographs, reports by municipal departments, eyewitness accounts, and other documents.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/2win3>

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Born on April 15, 1452 in Vinci, Italy, I was the illegitimate son of a notary. While best known as an artist, I was also an inventor and scientist. For example, in 1485 I drew a sketch based upon one of my ideas. Nearly three hundred years later others perfected it, calling it a parachute. I also drew sketches of flying machines, and suits that allowed men to stay underwater for long periods. Who am I? Need I find the answer? Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/3474v>

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

For over seven hundred years, the Grimaldi family has ruled the principality of Monaco, a sovereign state located on the shores of the Mediterranean. One of the world's smallest states, it occupies only 485 acres. The best-known ruler was Prince Rainier, who reigned from 1950 until his death in 2005. In 1956, he married the former Grace Kelly, a Hollywood movie star. She brought worldwide attention to Monaco, and it became a world famous playground for the wealthy. Find out more about Monaco at <http://tinyurl.com/dlnt5>

We thank our partners for their commitment to our community, our schools, and our young people. Together, we ensure teachers and students receive all learning materials at no cost to them.

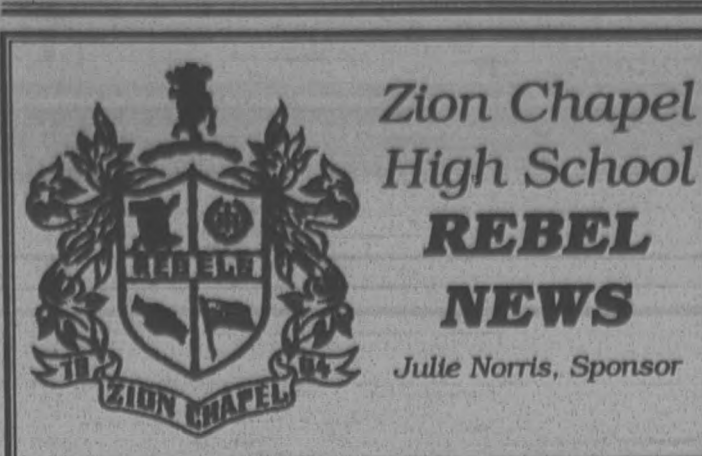
Email your questions or comments to editor@elbaclipper.com

Elba Clipper
in Education

Touchstone Energy
Your Future. Our Passion.

CITY OF ELBA

SCHOOLS



Five-Year review completed April 6th

by Jerry Barnes, principal

The Zion Chapel School has just completed a Self-Study as required by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).

The Self-Study contains pertinent information about the school, its goals, mission statements and successes and needs it has identified as important.

A part of the Self-Study process involved a visiting committee composed of educators Rex Bryan (chair), Dothan High School; Janet Bradley, Dothan High School; Lester Nichols, Daleville High School; and Kay Parker, Geneva County High School that visited our school. Their role was to examine our document, the Self-Study, and make determinations regarding the effectiveness of the study. In other words, to see if we are doing what we say we are doing.

On April 4 and 5, the visiting committee examined our Self-Study and recorded their findings. They reviewed our school improvement plan, safety plan, and other documents; toured the campus; and talked with administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community members to assure that we meet SACS standards and have a viable plan for school improvement.

The visiting team was very complimentary and said they

enjoyed their visit at our school facility. A copy of these findings will be available by the end of the month. A copy will be on file in the principal's office and we encourage our parents to look over the report at any time.

The report will examine two main areas. Any standards that are violated will be listed and in addition, recommendations made by the visiting committee will be documented in this valuable report.

We take our role as educators seriously. I think it will be apparent once the report has been received from the SACS office in Montgomery.

The School Leadership team consisted of Jerry Barnes, principal; Bob Hartwell, assistant principal; Cara Knight, guidance counselor; Lori McCrory (facilitator), math teacher; Brenda Roberts, ZC Elementary reading coach; Amber Camley, special education teacher; Lisa Smith, first grade teacher; Deandra Henson, seventh grade teacher; Jan Prescott, community representative; Dean Rainey, community representative; Jennifer Amlong, parent representative; Britley Parker, parent representative; and Luke Peters, student representative.

Thanks to all stakeholders who made this review such a success. A special thanks to Shirley Goodson for her efforts as hostess during the review.

Students participate in powerlifting meet

On Saturday, April 8, ten members from the Zion Chapel High School football team traveled with Coach Harry Lees to Charles Henderson High School in Troy to compete in the 2006 State Powerlifting Meet.

There were over 500 lifters from schools all over the state ranging from classes 1A-6A. Those lifters participating from Zion Chapel were: Joey Jones, Luke Peters, Todd Grant, Gatlin Camley, Corey Carter, Chuck Shank, Hunter Wise, Byron McWaters, Stetson Petty and Justin Winters.

Each lifter from ZC finished in the top half of their respective weight class and Hunter Wise received a medal for finishing



Hunter Wise

fifth in the state in his weight class.

"I was very proud of our guys," said Coach Lees. "They competed and represented our school well."

Gas Leak?

Gas appliances, equipment and transmission lines are safe and are constantly being tested and improved. However, it is possible through misuse or accident to have a gas leak.

Take the following steps if you discover a gas leak:

- Open windows and doors to dilute the gas to a safe level.
- Call for aid and service from your gas company and fire department.
- Shut off valve at meter with crescent wrench, if recommended by gas company, if you know where it is, and if you can do it easily.
- Avoid flame. Do not operate electrical equipment.
- Never light a gas appliance if an odor of gas is present.
- If gas odor is strong, evacuate building and call for help from a neighbor's phone.
- Have a qualified person turn gas back on and relight appliances.

After hours or in an emergency call toll-free 1-800-660-8683.

634 N Claxton Ave, Elba

The Southeast Alabama Gas District

www.seagd.net



JR. BETA INDUCTION CEREMONY (by Nicole Napper and Nicole Maudlin)...On Feb. 24, the Zion Chapel Jr. Beta Club held a candlelight induction ceremony for the new members and their families. Those inducted into membership of the Zion Chapel Jr. Beta Club were: Lawson Amlong, Sindi Paul, P.J. Benton, Sage Peterson, Kyle Boswell, Amber Powell, Brian Cobb, Noah Sanders, Megan Cox, Markel Senn, Ashleigh DeSandro, Morgan Senn, Nicole Faulk, Caleb Walden, Huey Green, Zack Ward, Matthew Griffiths, Brandon Barnhill, Charlie Little, Michelle Downing, Leanna Miles, Amelia Petry, Courtney Napper, Jennifer Cook, Cassandra Nelson, Heather Hines, Cheyenne Nelson, Landan Peters, Dillon Roberts, Brittany Simmons, Garrett Stinson and Lance Walden. The requirements to join and be a member of Jr. Beta include maintaining an 88 average in core classes and possessing qualities of outstanding leadership, character and service.

FBLA members attend state conference in Birmingham

by Melani Perry

Upcoming Events:

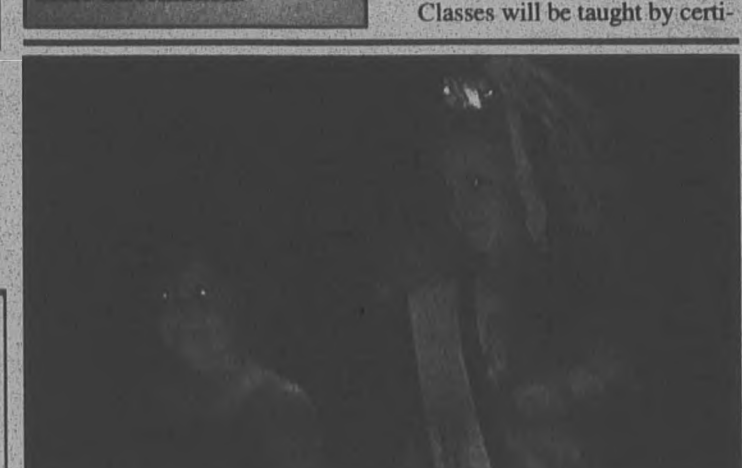
April

- 19th - Senior Prom Activity
- 21st - Prom
- 26th - Kindergarten Registration for 2006-07 school year
- 27th - PTO (6 p.m.)
- ZCCLC Spring Program and pre-registration for summer program
- 28th - ZCES Field Day
- 29th - Sr. Beta trip to GA
- 29th - Miss Sound of Music pageants

May

- 2nd - CCBOE Awards Program
- 4th - Band Banquet (6 p.m.)
- 11th - DARE graduation (5th Grade)
- 11th - Red/White Game
- 12th - No School - Bad Weather Day
- 13th - Band Day
- 17th - 9th-12th Grades Honors Day in gym (8:30)

NOTICE: Registration for the 2006-2007 school year for the ZCCLC Extended Day program will be available after May 15th. Contact Jane Coale at Zion Chapel High School at 897-6275 for more information.



TINY MISS...Natalie Chandler, second runner up; Amberli Arnett, Tiny Miss FCA; and Landra Free, first runner up.



LITTLE MISS...Taylor Cochran, first runner up; and Jasmine Smith, Little Miss FCA.



PETITE MISS...Gracen Bright, first runner up; and Emily Brianna Bell, Petite Miss FCA.



JUNIOR MISS...Heather Blizet, Junior Miss FCA; Kelsey Sanders, first runner up; and Cheyenne Nelson, second runner up.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH. EDUCATION & LOCAL SCHOOLS



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT...Jackie Cowart, Donna Flowers, McKinley Arnette, Stacey Williams and Jenna Mobley. Not pictured: Keagan White.

Keri Hobbs competed in job interview and placed in the top six.

Congratulations to all of the FBLA competitors. Our school was represented well.

ZCCLC's summer enrichment program to be offered

Zion Chapel School announces that the Zion Chapel Community Learning Center (ZCCLC) will again be offering a summer enrichment program for students who have completed grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

This program will provide additional instruction and enrichment for student participants.

The summer program will run for two weeks from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, June 12, and ending Friday, June 23. The theme this summer will be "Discover Alabama."

The fun hands-on activities will include all core academic subjects as well as art, music and physical activity.

Classes will be taught by certi-

fied teachers, and class enrollments will be small to allow for individualized assistance and interactions with students.

At the end of the two weeks, the group will take a field trip to Dauphin Island where the students will tour the bay doing hands on activities presented by the crew of the fishing/shrimping

auditorium.

FCA sponsors beauty pageants

Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored a beauty pageant in order to raise money for students to attend FCA Camp in the summer of 2006. The pageant was held in the Zion Chapel High School auditorium on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. The pageant was a great success, and FCA thanks all those who participated in the event.



TEEN MISS...Kirsten Collins, Teen Miss FCA; Shelby Boswell, second runner up; and Torie Hodge, first runner up.



MISS...Brooke Stinson, Miss FCA; Jackie Cowart, first runner up; and Tiffany Bryan, second runner up.



MISS...Brooke Stinson, Miss FCA; Jackie Cowart, first runner up; and Tiffany Bryan, second runner up.

Z's Advanced Skin Care
From the European School of Esthetics
Facials for all skin types where knowledge and skill meet skin. Now offering the new technology of the LED light. This procedure increases collagen and elastin production as the cells are continuously activated, filling in fine lines and wrinkles.
897-2271 or 406-3454
Zenobia Baker-Esthetician
WE HAVE GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR ALL OCCASIONS!

SCHOOLS

Progress Reports will be sent out April 25th

by Judson Vaughan

Although the Class of 2006 has already cemented their place in Elba High School history, they are still up to their old tricks.

For the first time in its illustrious history, an entire class has passed all five parts of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. The five parts include math, reading, social studies and social science. An accomplishment of this nature has never been achieved at EHS, and we would like to take this time to congratulate the senior class on their hard work and dedication in making Elba



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright
& Melanie Mularz

High successful once again.

The Class of 2006 will be the largest one to come through the new school and has already taken numerous records including signees, graduates, and

soon-to-be, scholarship money awarded. This accomplishment only prepares the class for a better and brighter future.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2006.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK...It's the repair man man man

Basic computer course offered at LBWCC-MacArthur campus

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. for four weeks.

Classes will be held in the Computer Science Department, Room G-1. The class will begin Tuesday, May 2, and end Thursday, May 25.

How to Use Your Personal Computer is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-

on course will cover Windows XP, Microsoft Word 2003 and the Internet.

The cost of the course is \$55 per participant plus an additional fee for the textbook. Anyone

interested in this course should register before Tuesday, May 2, 2006. For more information or to register please contact Susan Dee at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5360.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH, EDUCATION & SCHOOLS!

Student Spotlight

by Melanie Mularz

This week's Student Spotlight is a fellow junior at Elba High School, Justin L. Williams.

Justin is the 17-year-old son of Margaret and Earnest Williams.

Justin is involved in FBLA, FCCLA, and his youth group. His hobbies are playing football, PS2, baseball and representing the class of '07.

Justin plans to attend Troy University and major in criminal justice.

He describes himself as a fairly knowledgeable person, who likes having fun and who is very outgoing. He can also be classified as the class clown. Anytime you are around him, you can't help but to have a smile on your



Justin L. Williams

face. Congratulations, Justin, on being this week's Student Spotlight!



Elba High School students attend scholarship day at Troy University

Ashely Camley, Stacey Mitchell, Gale Olson, Dustin Rhoades and Justin Watkins of Elba High School attended Troy University's Excellence in Leadership Scholarship Day on Feb. 17.

The Excellence in Leadership Scholarship is awarded to deserving students based upon their academics, resume and on-campus interview. The applying high school and community college students were required a minimum 3.0 grade point average and at least a 22 on the ACT or 1030 on the SAT to be considered.

More than 200 students from 118 different schools in

Alabama, Florida and Georgia, attended the Leadership Scholarship Day. There were also 30 phone interviews conducted for the convenience of students residing in Arkansas, Montana, Tennessee and Texas.

"We had an outstanding group of students," said Heather Owens, the event's coordinator and TROY admission counselor. "It was very evident in the interview scores."

Awards will range from \$500 to \$3,700. Although the number of scholarships is not certain, Owens suspects that the amount of money awarded will be close to the \$500,000 awarded last year.

Christina Bryant travels to Birmingham for 54th annual Alabama District Key Club convention

by Tori Brooks

On April 6-9 the newly elected Alabama District Lt. Governor for Division 14, Christina Bryant, traveled to Birmingham for the 54th Annual Alabama District Key Club Convention held at the Marriott Hotel in Birmingham.

At the convention Christina attended Board Training and workshops to help prepare her for the upcoming year as Lt. Governor. Christina commented that although she had some reservations before going to the convention that she was able to enjoy herself and is very pleased to have met her fellow District Board members.

This year's convention theme was "Grab Service by the Horns," and proved to be a great success.

She also said, "We were able to raise a great amount of money for our district projects such as Kid One and Children's Hospital and hopefully next year will prove to be just as successful."

She encourages everyone to get involved in Key Club and promises, "once you join you will never regret it."

Christina will be traveling next week again to Birmingham to Twin Pines to convene with other board members to discuss service projects and the upcoming year.

Congratulations, Christina, and good luck with next year!



Elba High School's Christina Bryant was recently elected Alabama District Lt. Governor for Division 14 of Key Club.

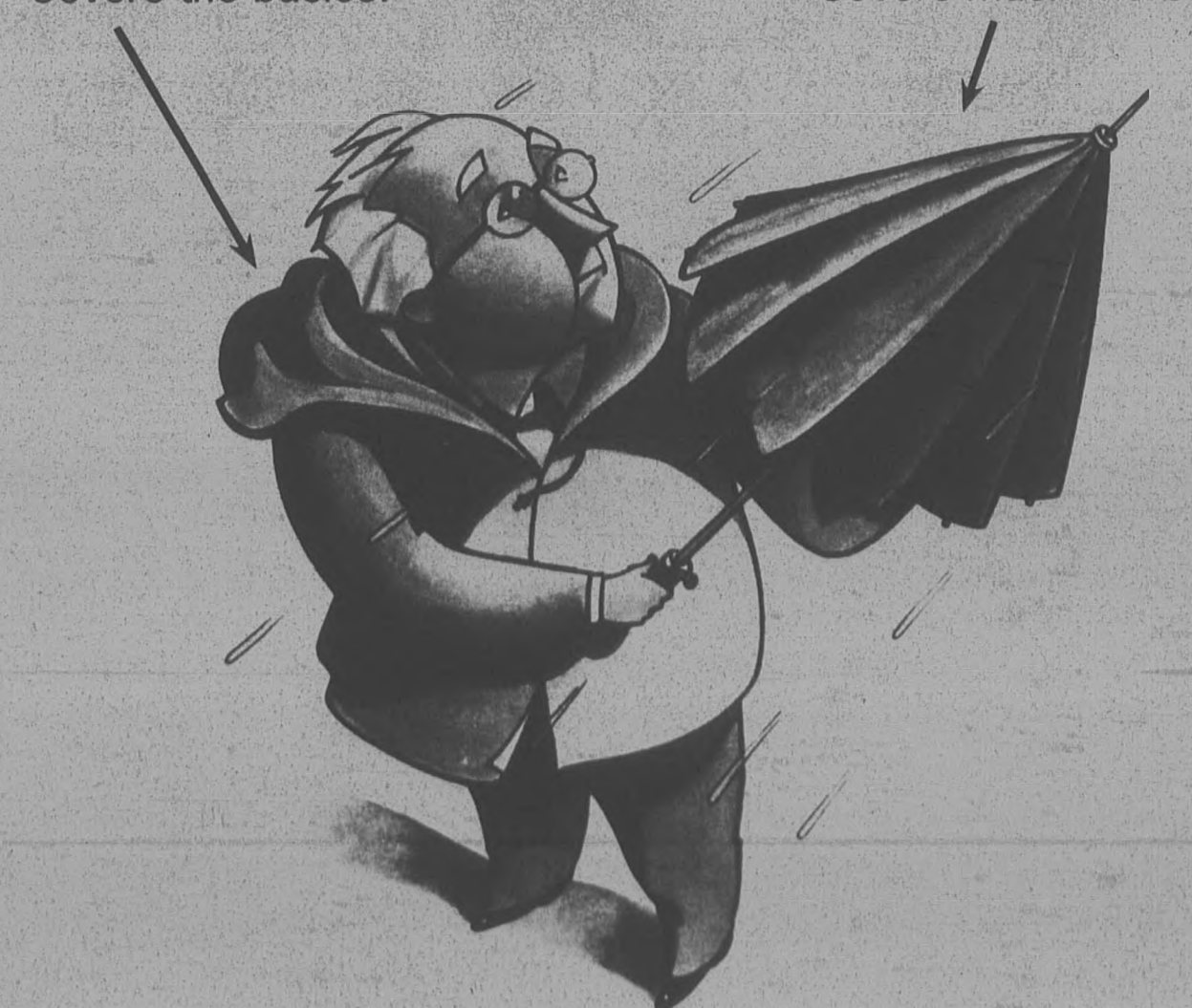
Elba Elementary School Menu

April 24 - 28, 2006

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Monday	Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday	Hamburger Helper, Corn, Green Beans, Crackers, Apple, Milk
Tuesday	Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday	Steak Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Field Peas, Sweet Potato Custard, Milk
Wednesday	Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday	Baked Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Bread, Orange, Milk
Thursday	Biscuits/Jelly, Chicken Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday	Hot Dog, Potato Wedges, California Style Vegetables, Applesauce Cake, Milk
Friday	Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday	Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, Pear Half, Milk

Medicare
Covers the basics.

C PlusSM with PMD
Covers much more.



If you have Medicare Part A and B and live in Alabama, the extra protection you need is available with C PlusSM from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, the state's leader in healthcare coverage. As a supplement to your Medicare coverage, C PlusSM lets you choose from more than 9,000 doctors and hospitals and there are no extra claim forms when you use a PMD doctor. In addition, C PlusSM now offers a 24-hour Health Care Hotline, Air Medical Services and Internet-based Health and Wellness Information. Get the security of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama coverage today.

C PlusSM with PMD - Now Better Than Ever.

CALL TODAY 1-800-315-7900

www.bcbsal.com



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association
C PlusSM is a Medicare Select Plan B

CLASSIFIEDS

The Elba Clipper

417 W. Buford St. • P.O. Box 677
Elba, AL 36323-0257

TO PLACE AN AD

CALL 334-897-2823
FAX 334-897-3434
TOLL-FREE
1-888-216-8050
e-mail clipper@alabweb.com

DEADLINE

The deadline for placing a classified or other advertisement is noon on Tuesday of the week in which the ad is to appear.

AD ERRORS

We reserve the right to edit or refuse any ad at any time. We strive to prevent errors in your ad, but any corrections necessary must be made immediately after first publication to insure proper credit.

PAYMENT

is by cash, check, credit card or 30-day charge with approved credit.



COST

Prepaid personal ads get fourth week FREE!
Bordered classifieds cost \$5.50 per column inch
Only \$400 per week (first 15 words)
*Additional words 20¢ each

FOR SALE

REFRIGERATOR FOR SALE. Kenmore W/ice maker. Works good. \$125.00. Call 897-3388 or 493-9419. 4-20-tfc

FREE DIRECTV Satellite, 4 rooms. Free TiVo/DVR. Add HDTV. 220 Channels + locals. pks. from \$29.99 month. Cheaper than cable TV. Switch today! 1-800-360-9901. Promo #14700. (R)

AUTOMOTIVE

\$500! POLICE Impounds! Hondas, Chevys, Fords, Jeeps, Toyotas, etc. Cars, Trucks, SUVs from \$500! For listings 1-800-366-9813, ext. V888. (R)

SALES

ABSOLUTE AUCTION Liquidating, Matthew Electric, Pascagoula, MS - April 27 at 10:00. 5 Bucket Trucks, Digger Trucks, T.S.E. Pullers, Trencher, Welders, (3) P.U.'s - Pallets of Band Saws, Chain Hoist, Pipe Threaders, Hand Tools, Drills, Lathes, Air Compressor and more. J. Hughes - MS 740. www.waterteauction.com. Target Auction 1-205-425-5454.

ROOFING-SHINGLES-TIN

Hot Tar, Yard Cutting, Free Estimates. Coy D. Richardson. 897-2152. 3-23-4tp

ELBA INSULATION CO.

Residential or commercial. Batt or blown-in. Fiberglass Insulation. Call Earl Yates. 897-3630. 4-11-tfc

BAKER'S TREE SERVICE

AND STUMP REMOVAL - 23 years of Experience. FREE ESTIMATES. Call 897-2271 after 6:00 p.m. 10-20-tfc

NEED TO advertise statewide?

ALA-SCAN can place your 25-word ad in 175 newspapers across Alabama for only \$195 (additional words \$7.50 each). Call this newspaper (a participating ALA-SCAN member) to find out how easy it is to advertise statewide! Or visit us online at www.ala-scan.com. (R)

RESUMES THAT dazzle!

You will get interviews! All ages/skill levels. Tried and true format - very easy to duplicate. 1-205-522-9456. Leave phone number

HOUSE FOR SALE

HOUSE FOR SALE. 2220 Taylor Mill Road. New 4 BR/3 Full Bath Home. 2,400 Sq. Ft. on 1 Acre that includes Carport, Fenced Back Yard and 17'x70' Barn. A Must See. Price Upon Request. For Sale By Owner. Call 334-897-1250 for and Appointment. 4-20-4tc

WANT TO BUY HOUSE

LOOKING TO BUY HOUSE IN OPP OR ELBA AREA. Can pay \$500 Down & \$500 a Month for 60 Months for a Total of \$30,500. Will pay Property Taxes Every Year. Please Call 352-528-0639. 4-13-2tc

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1996 SOUTHERN HOME. 16x80, 3 BR, 2 Bath, Mobile Home with 14.2 Acres of Land on Hwy. 87. \$62,000.00. 343-9142. 3-30-4tc

BEAUTIFUL 3BD/2BA

1999 Double Wide on 7.7 acres, Hwy. 125, Zion Chapel School District. Owner ready to sell! Call Katie McWaters, David Adams Realty, LLC 334-268-3666. 3-23-4tc

1996 CAVALIER MOBILE HOME

FOR SALE. 16x80, 3 BR, 2 Bath - \$29,500. 897-5337. 3-16-tfc

LAND FOR SALE

LOOKING TO own land? Invest in rural acreage throughout America: coastal, mountain, waterfront properties. 20 to 200 acres. FREE, monthly Special Land Reports: www.land-wanted.com/sw. (R)

DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED

Now! No experience needed. Warner Enterprises has immediate openings for entry-level semi-drivers. Our avg. drivers earn more than \$30K first year. 60% of our drivers get home nightly/weekly. 15-day CDL training available in your area. Call today 1-800-709-7364. 4-20-tfc

DRIVERS-CDL A true lease to own program.

Low payments/short term lease. Avg. \$11/mile plus fuel surcharge. No hazard. No forced dispatch. FFE Transportation 1-888-864-0012. (R) 4-13-tfc

DRIVERS/DRIVING school

graduates wanted. Tuition reimbursement. No waiting for trainees. Passenger policy. No NYC. Guaranteed hometime. Dedicated and regional available. USA Truck 1-866-483-3413. 4-6-tfc

NEED SOMEONE KNOWLEDGEABLE

W. Chicken houses. Call 347-4517. 4-6-tfc

KELLY FOODS OF ALABAMA INC.

• Kelly Foods is currently accepting applications for night shift Shipping/Receiving Clerks. Kelly Foods is a privately owned food manufacturing & food service distributing company located in Elba, Alabama since 1957. If you excel in a fast-paced environment and possess a keen attention to detail, applications may be submitted Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Kelly Foods of Alabama, Inc. Requirements include: • Ability to handle repetitive heavy lifting • Ability to excel in a fast paced environment • Keen attention to detail • Repetitive walking/lifting • Ability to learn Radio Frequency (RF equipment) • Prior warehouse/torlift experience a plus • Drug test will be administered to selected candidates

TAKE NOTICE

that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EVIE DANIELS, deceased. CASE NO. PC-05-27

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and tried by the Court for hearing said Report. DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J. CASE NO. PC-05-30

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHINN, EVELYN J.

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Leslie Marie Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 2

COMMUNITY NEWS

Applications sought for 4-H Washington trip

Alabama youth interested in developing leadership and citizenship skills while they explore the nation's capital are encouraged to apply by April 28 to attend Alabama's 2006 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip to Washington, D.C. Alabama Farmers Federation, a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, has announced that it will support this year's CWF trip, set for June 4-10. The Federation's sponsorship means each delegate will pay just \$200 of the \$1,100 cost of the conference. Other sponsors include the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation and the Alabama 4-H Foundation.

Paul Pinyan, assistant director of the Federation's Governmental Affairs Department, said Alabama's CWF delegation will include students with farm backgrounds and those from more urban areas.

"The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is seeking applications from youth who

have strong agricultural interests as well as those who have nontraditional 4-H interests," Pinyan said. "Alabama Farmers Federation will be assisting in delegate selection, and this will help ensure that Alabama's agricultural heritage is well represented."

The trip is designed for students who are 15-19 years of age. The one-page application form is available on the www.AlaFarmers.org website. 4-Hers also may submit an optional "Achievement Portfolio Form," which is available on the Extension website.

Troy University will not increase tuition for 2006-07 academic year

Troy University will not increase tuition for students attending its Alabama campus during the 2006-2007 academic year, according to Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

Troy University will implement small fee increases for on-campus room and board for 2006-2007, as the cost for a meal plan will increase by 2.3 percent and the room rate increase for some residence halls will range from 1.3 to 3.2 percent.

"Tuition increases have become almost an annual event for public universities across the United States," Dr. Hawkins said. "These increases, while almost always necessary for the financial stability of our institutions, are taking a

www.aces.edu/fourh.

Applications are due Friday, April 28. Mail to Shannon Duncan, ACES/4-H, 219 C Duncan Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849. Delegates will be notified on Tuesday, May 2. For more information, contact Address at (334) 844-7690 or Pinyan at (334) 613-4208.

Delegates returning from the 2006 CWF may be asked to make a brief presentation about their experiences to local civic groups, county governing bodies, state legislators and local sponsor representatives.

Troy University will not increase tuition for 2006-07 academic year

Troy University will not increase tuition for students attending its Alabama campus during the 2006-2007 academic year, according to Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

Troy University will implement small fee increases for on-campus room and board for 2006-2007, as the cost for a meal plan will increase by 2.3 percent and the room rate increase for some residence halls will range from 1.3 to 3.2 percent.

"Tuition increases have become almost an annual event for public universities across the United States," Dr. Hawkins said. "These increases, while almost always necessary for the financial stability of our institutions, are taking a



THESE ELBA MARCHING TIGER BAND STUDENTS were a busy group last Saturday, April 15, during Band Day 2006. The "loading crew" was in charge of - just that - loading and unloading instrument and equipment from the band's equipment truck. Band members found hanging around the equipment truck Saturday afternoon included (from left): Emily Driggers, Whitley Kilcrease, Brian Blair, Caleb Davis, Justin Watkins and Josh Hudson.

TAKING THE TRAIN

by Linda M. Hodge

Chapter Four

She had never been one to unload her troubles on anyone. As a matter of fact, Megan often got accused of bottling her emotions too much. She was afraid if she opened up she would not be able to keep control, and at this point, that seemed to be the only thing she could control. Sure, it was a tough way to deal with things, but that was the only way she knew how to do it.

"I bet my mother would agree with me heartily with your assessment of trains," Megan began.

This was a terrifying position for Megan to be in. A few hours ago, she was nothing more than a stranger, but somewhere along the way she had bonded between them. Megan felt compelled to open up a bit.

"I take it she loves to ride?"

"Actually, she's never taken a train ride, but it is something she's been thinking about for a while. Every time about many times through the years. I guess, though, it's not for her. We all stay together, and just the simple things pass us by."

"It is easy to get caught up in the hus-

tle of the world," Carl insisted. "Happens to me all the time. I've had my share of it."

"I think I'm beginning to understand your point, though."

The past few weeks probably had been the toughest of her life. Megan had been forced to realize there are some terrible things in life. Her mother, who was one of those things.

After a few weeks, she knew that her family was about to face a tough obstacle," she continued. "My mother has been sick for some time now, and she has really gone downhill. I've been here for her, but she's been put in a hospital with a specialist, and she's preparing to undergo yet another surgery."

"Was it a success?"

"Everything seemed to go well," Megan said. "My mother had been feeling better for a while then ride, but it is something she's been thinking about for a while. Every time about many times through the years. I guess, though, it's not for her. We all stay together, and just the simple things pass us by."

"It is easy to get caught up in the hus-

"I take it she loves to ride?"

"Actually, she's never taken a train ride, but it is something she's been thinking about for a while. Every time about many times through the years. I guess, though, it's not for her. We all stay together, and just the simple things pass us by."

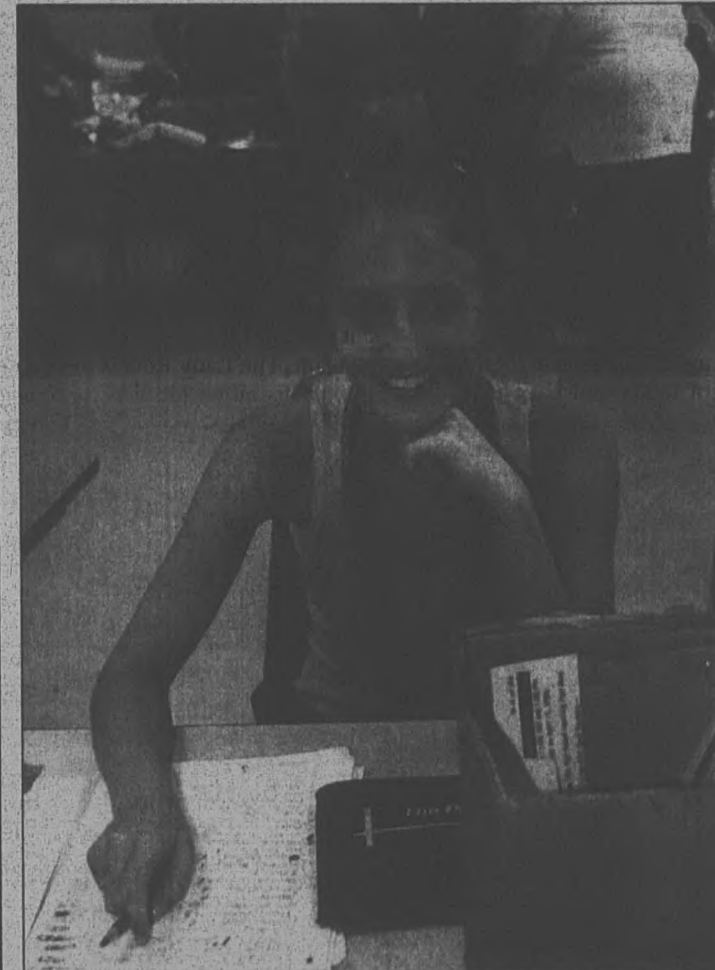
"It is easy to get caught up in the hus-

bed with Mother discussing various things when she reminded me of her love for trains. As I sat there holding her hand, I found myself thinking about all the opportunities I've let pass by because at the time I think I'm too busy. I know it's something we all do, but for some reason, it really hit home that day. Maybe it was just looking at her weak body lying in that hospital bed, but suddenly I realized I needed to do everything I can to always be there for my mother and make sure she gets what she needs from me. After all, she has always been there for me whether I wanted her there or not."

"Ladies and gentlemen," a voice rang out over the train's intercom. "We've reached our destination. Please allow the train to come to a complete stop before exiting. We hope you've enjoyed your journey and look forward to you traveling with us again."

Author Linda M. Hodge is a native of Elba, Alabama. Taking the Train is produced in partnership with this newspaper. Copyright 2006.

Next Week:
CHAPTER FIVE: At the Train Station



ELBA MARCHING TIGER BAND MEMBERS could be found working all around the square last Saturday, April 15, during Band Day 2006. Brianna Bailey, one of the band's two drum majors, was no exception as she took on the duty of accepting tickets from those who had purchased barbecue plates. Brianna was all smiles as she greeted the barbecue plate customers. It was estimated that over 700 plates were sold as part of the fundraising efforts of Band Day. Other band members could be found distributing plates as well as selling drinks and desserts.

UWA students honored during annual program



The University of West Alabama, of Livingston, recently recognized students for academic achievement and leadership on the Livingston campus during its annual Honors Day Convocation.

Honors Day also included a family luncheon in the Bell Conference Center. Jessica Merklin of Elba was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, a national freshmen honor society. Merklin is a member of the UWA Scarlet Band from Tigerland and Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. She has also been named to the President's List. Merklin is a freshman majoring in mathematics and computer information systems.

ELBA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION announces the following vacancy. Applications will be accepted beginning April 19, 2006 - May 16, 2006 at the board office.

Technology Coordinator

Inquiries should be made to Valerie Moore at:
Elba City Schools
131 Tiger Drive
Elba, Alabama 36323
(334)897-2801

Applications are available by contacting Elba City Board of Education at the above address or you may obtain an application online at www.elba.com.

Directions for an application online:
* Go to www.elbaed.com
* At the very top right of the page find the link called "Application for Teaching Position" and click on it.
* The application form will open up in Adobe Reader and information can be entered into the form. When the form is completed it can be printed and mailed in with supporting documentation.
* If you do not have the Adobe Reader software you can get it free of charge from www.adobe.com.

The Elba City Board of Education does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability in any of its educational or employment programs or activities.

Let us order your rubber stamp!
THE ELBA CLIPPER • 897-2823

SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I know that times change and everyone grows older, but sometimes I just wish we could go back a few years and enjoy some of the things we may not have enjoyed quite so much when they first occurred. I remember back when the girls were young and on Easter Sunday we would get them all dressed up for church, then head over to their Nanny's house for a big Sunday feast and after making them change clothes we would all help hide eggs and watch the girls hunt until it got dark. As I got older I wasn't quite so excited about hiding the eggs and would let the older cousins handle the chore. However, if I could go back for just one day I would gladly hide the eggs and watch my little girls hunt until they got tired of bending over and filling up their baskets. Oh well, I guess the memories will always keep such things alive.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers continued their area woes last week with a losses to New Brockton and Samson, but did grab another cross-county win as they traveled down to Kinston on Saturday afternoon and defeated the Bulldogs for the second time this season. Elba has only four wins on its side of the ledger with one week left in the season. However, all of those wins have come over county rivals and that should make the time pass a little smoother until next spring when they lace 'em up again and hit the diamond.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers won two of three games last week to push their record to 12-6 and clinched the section title with a road win over Luverne, but late in the week the Elba girls got spanked by Andalusia 13-0 and for the second time in a week were the victims of a perfect game. It is never good to allow 13 runs in a game, but the zero on the Elba side of the scoreboard hurt just as bad as the runs allowed, and until the Lady Tigers can gain a level of consistency at the plate they will always be just a few pitches away from a loss.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs have struggled all season long in baseball, but posted a win over section foe Pleasant Home last week and may very well make it to the playoffs with only four wins. The Bulldogs are very young and have experienced many growing pains throughout the season. However, a trip to the playoffs should add to their lessons learned and should pay dividends when they hit the field next spring.

*** Two of the surprise teams this season in high school baseball have been the New Brockton Gamecocks and the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Gamecocks have been a big surprise with their battle for a playoff berth and their winning record, while the Rebels have been just as surprising as they have struggled throughout the season and after three big seasons have slide back near the bottom of the pack. I am sure the Gamecocks feel they have built the foundation for years to come, while the Rebels will have to head back to square one and start the rebuilding process.

*** The softball scene across the county has been exciting for all the schools and Kinston and Zion Chapel have enjoyed winning seasons and New Brockton posted its first win last week to snap a season long drought. The Lady Bulldogs have made it an annual event to take part in the state tournament and appear a sure bet to make it again this year, despite a young team. The Lady Rebels have lots of talent and have posted some big wins along the way, and also could be a team to watch when the section tournament kicks off. The Lady Gamecocks have struggled, but posted a big win over Florala last week and now will be fired up and ready for the upcoming tournament.

*** The youth baseball and softball seasons are now in full swing and if you have been to a game at either Legion Field or Hawkins Williams Park I am sure you have found it hard to find a place to park. The parking lots at both parks are filled beyond capacity every night games are played and the bleachers are also filled as parents, relatives and fans cheer for their favorite players and teams. Just remember to cheer for your favorites whether they win or lose, because either way there is no doubt the youngsters are doing the very best they can.

*** In closing... Now that Major League Baseball is underway I will admit I have watched the Atlanta Braves play a couple of games and have the itch to head up to Turner Field and watch a game in person. The Braves are a long way from being a power and still struggle whenever they make a call to the bullpen, but they are "our team" whether we admit it or not.

Support youth sports

LET'EM HEAR YOU CHEER!!



1 Register

- (Free for 1) Family or Friend
 - Self-defense tactics
 - Competition techniques
 - Health & fitness & more!!
- Master Hiron & Sensel Abia
Call Today! 334 897-0263
For a limited time
"Your Results Await Us"

Now Accepting Applications

1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
3-Bedroom Townhouses
Units available for elderly, handicapped & disabled

Included FREE!

Water, sewage, garbage pick-up and pest control

On-site laundry facilities
& playground for children

Office open Mon-Fri
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BEAVER DAM APARTMENTS
897-3517 • HIGHWAY 84 W. ELBA, AL



In cross-county match-up

Late rally lifts Gamecocks over Tigers 6-4

The Elba Tigers traveled across the county last week for an area battle against the New Brockton Gamecocks and saw an early three-run lead evaporate as they remained winless in area competition after dropping a hard fought 6-4 decision.

Both teams failed to score in the opening inning, but the Tigers came to life in the second and plated two runs to grab a 2-0 lead. Bradley Wilson and Chase W. Boutwell led off the inning with back-to-back singles to ignite the early Elba uprising, while both runners raced home when Justin McLaughlin delivered a key two-out, two-run single.

The Tigers upped their lead to 3-0 in the third as Stephen Driggers reached on an error, moved to second on a fielder's choice and then crossed the plate when Brad Sullivan ripped a single. Bradley Wilson followed with a single to keep the inning alive, but was thrown out on a steal attempt as the Tigers' lead remained at 3-0.

The Gamecocks' bats woke up in the bottom of the fourth as the area contenders used three two-out hits to plate three runs and caught Elba at 3-3. A two-out single by Tad Adams sparked the New Brockton rally, while Kyle Purvis added a ground-rule double and Ted Eubanks added a two-run sin-

New Brockton's Mark Windham one of three signed by EOCC

Enterprise-Ozark Community College baseball coach Tim Hulsey was pleased Monday, April 10, as three players - two pitchers and a middle infielder - signed scholarships to play their first year of college baseball at EOCC.

"We're getting pitching help with Mark Windham, of New Brockton, and Zachary Nalls, of Holmes County High School in Bonifay, Fla.," Hulsey said. "These guys should be able to come in here and compete as freshmen; they are welcome additions to our current young staff."

"These guys come from good programs, in competitive leagues and our local kids are proud to be able to have sign with us."

The third signer is Bobby Joe Lee, a middle infielder, also from Holmes County High," Hulsey added.

Hulsey said New Brockton coach Daniel Lamb is also doing a good job and is glad to have a product of NBHS signing to play at EOCC.

Mark is a big right-handed hitter and pitcher," Hulsey said. "He's hitting better than 400. I saw him get a double in a crucial situation against Geneva County recently. At this point, he's pitched 31.3 innings, with 31 strike-outs, and has a 2.87 ERA. He has really good size."

"It's nice when you have a local kid who's had a good senior year. To win in our confer-

By L.B.W.

EOCC Lady Weevils swept

The Enterprise-Ozark Community College Lady Boll Weevils softball team was victimized by the Luverne B. Wallace Saints who came to town Monday and staged their version of home run derby.

Six four-baggers were enough. In short order, the Saints got back in their van and headed west after 10-1 and 12-0 wins over the Weevils.

Enterprise, seeking its fourth win of the season, sent its No. 1 pitcher, Jessica Peacock, to the mound in the opening game, and brought her on in relief of Brandi Sasser in the third inning of the nightcap after the Saints had pounded three homers in the frame.

The Lady Weevils were obviously physically outmatched. Souder had a pair of hits and Mandy Love had one, as the Saints totally dominated play in the abbreviated, 10-run, mercy-rule game.

"We've got to use the tools we have," he told the solitary squad. "Most of you are fast and we must take advantage of that."



OUT AT SECOND... an Elba Tiger infielder makes the tag on a sliding base-runner in recent high school action. The Tigers will close out the season this Friday afternoon against the Brantley Bulldogs. (Laura Bailey photo)

gle to pull the Gamecocks even.

New Brockton took advantage of two Elba errors to push across one run in the fifth as the Gamecocks sneaked ahead 4-3, while this time the Tigers played catch-up as they scored one run in the sixth without the benefit of a hit. The Elba run

came when Chase E. Boutwell drew a walk, moved around to third on an error off the bat of Brad Sullivan, and then raced home when the two base runners pulled a double steal.

New Brockton had an answer for the Elba rally; however, as the Gamecocks took advantage of two Elba errors and a two-run single by Eubanks to move on top 6-4.

Bradley Wilson led Elba at

the plate with 2 hits, a walk, a run scored and a stolen base, while Don Rhoades was tagged with the loss despite allowing only three earned runs on nine hits and three walks.

Ted Eubanks had 2 hits and knocked in 4 runs to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while the winning pitcher was Nathan Foster, who pitched four innings and allowed one unearned run on no hits.

High School * Baseball * Softball * DIAMOND DUST

*** BASEBALL ***

New Brockton falls hard to Geneva County 14-3

The New Brockton Gamecocks suffered their second area loss of the season last Tuesday afternoon as they fell to the Geneva County Bulldogs 14-3, in Hartford. Luke Simmons led the Gamecocks at the plate with a single, double and two runs scored, while Mark Windham was saddled with the loss as he was tagged for seven runs in two innings of work. Jeremy Williams led the Bulldogs with three hits, including two two-run homers.

Kinston keeps playoff hopes alive with 7-1 win

The Kinston Bulldogs upheld their area record to 3-2 and kept their playoff hopes alive last Tuesday afternoon by rolling to a 7-1 win over Pleasant Home. Matt Whigham pitched a complete game with eight strike-outs to get the win for the Bulldogs, while Garrett Parker and John Moss both had 3 hits.

Brantley Bulldogs fall to Providence 8-3

The Brantley Bulldogs battled for all seven innings Thursday afternoon in an 8-3 setback to Providence Christian. Jordan Reid struck out 10 batters to get the win on the mound and added two hits to lead Providence, while Blake Stephens added 4 hits and an RBI.

*** SOFTBALL ***

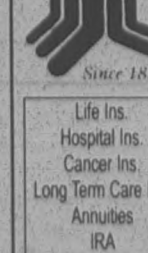
Zion Chapel tripped up by Providence 11-1

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never recovered last Tuesday afternoon in an 11-1 loss to Providence. Jordan Reid struck out 3 hits and 3 RBI's to lead Providence, while Rachel Cary added 3 hits and knocked out one run.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs blank Lady Bobcats 3-0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued their successful season Thursday afternoon at home with a 3-0 win over the Opy Lady Bobcats. Bethany Holley tossed a one-hitter with 12 strike-outs to lead Kinston, while Erin Shaw, Katie Motter and Heather Marlowe all had one hit to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate.

Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society



Linda Westbrook, FIC
Field Representative
417 West Davis Street
Elba, AL 36323
Tel: 334.897.2910
Fax: 334.897.2910
Home Phone: 334.897.5565



• We Custom Build in our shop Vinyl Windows
• Storm Windows & Replacement Windows & Glass
• Vinyl Siding Eave Overhanging
• Carport & Patio Covers

Parker Metal Construction Co.

In Business For 40 Years
222-6187
Call for free estimates

You are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Reception in honor of

Mrs. Doris W. Matthews

Thursday, April 20, 2006
from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

in the lobby of
The Peoples Bank of Coffee County
Elba, Alabama

TIES

(Continued from Page One)

bachelor's degree in advertising in 1979 and did graduate work

in journalism in 1979-80. She worked for about 15 years for The Birmingham News (with a brief stint at the Orlando Sentinel in the middle). Troncale went to The Times-Picayune in 1996 as deputy editorial page editor and became editorial page editor in 1999.

Troncale was also a finalist for editorial writing in this year's American Society of Newspaper Editors writing contest.

TOWN

(Continued from Page One)

Household garbage will not be picked up by the town's street department. Also, trash not property sorted will not be picked up.

Residents not familiar with the rules of the town's trash pickup can contact the New Brockton Town Hall for further direction.

Mayor Cole announced during the meeting that the council has chosen at this time not to do anything with the old Jr. Food Store building. He said the

recreation department through Jody Stuckey is still looking at possibly renovating the building to allow the rec. department to use it as a storage facility, but nothing will be done at this point.

Also during the meeting, Mayor Cole said the repairs to Tyler Street should be completed by the end of July.

The next regular meeting of the town council will be Monday evening, May 1, at 7 p.m. at town hall.

THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006



MEET THE QUEENS...The New Brockton Town Council recognized newly crowned queens Monday evening, April 3, during the regular monthly meeting of the council. Queens in attendance for the meeting were Miss New Brockton Alexis Adams (left) and Junior Miss New Brockton Callie Hollis (right). Both young ladies said they are excited to represent the Town of New Brockton throughout the upcoming year.

BOE

(Continued from Page One)

system is one of 72 in Alabama with this distinction. The others (about 40) are not SACS accredited.

100% of Elba graduating seniors made passing grades on the High School Graduation Exam! This includes Special Ed students. Weeks said this was the first time he knows of this ever happening in Elba.

The Elba Elementary ARFI (Reading) monitoring report was very complimentary of the work being done by the teachers in the Elba system.

The state required Superintendent Evaluation is underway and a review committee staff member will meet with school board members for their input on May 9th.

Weeks reviewed two possible school calendars for the coming school year. He noted

that the local teacher committee had not met to discuss the two options, but would convene before the next board meeting. At the May meeting, the board will be asked to approve a school calendar for 2006-2007 school year.

Don't Forget to



FAX

SERVICE
AVAILABLE AT
THE ELBA
CLIPPER

COUNTRY BEST FARM

Strawberries • Now Available

Monday - Saturday • 7 am - 6 pm



Bobby & Joshua Helms
Producers

393-7224

Fesh...right off the farm
country style!

HWY 84 WEST & MOATES RD • ENTERPRISE
84 West, 0.6 before Highway 84 Bypass, in Enterprise

PROGRAM CARS, TRADES and more TRADES

GREAT INVENTORY WE ARE PROUD TO DIS-
At Cook Chevrolet and Cook Ford

Striving to Stock the Very Best Automobile inventory for our Friends and Neighbors.
All these vehicles are NEW to our lot! Vehicles that will look great in the driveway or on the highway

 2006 CHEVROLET CREW CAB 4 X 2 - Like New	 2002 F-150 SUPER CREW XLT Clean - Must See	 2003 TRAIL BLAZER EXT Priced Right	 2003 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER AT-4 - Sharp
 2004 TOYOTA AVALON LX5 AT-6 - 30K Miles, Clean	 2004 COLORADO CREW CAB LS 4 X 2 - 22K Miles	 2006 TRAIL BLAZER LS Only 7K Miles - Priced Right	 2005 MALIBU LS 2 to Choose From - Great Buy
 2004 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5 Get on Gas	 2003 EDDIE BAUER EXPEDITION Priced Right	 1998 GMC YUKON SLT - Leather - Very Clean - Local Trade-Only 87K Miles	 2005 MONTE CARLO LS Great Buy
 2002 FORD RANGER SPORTSIDE Ext Cab - AT-6 - Very Sharp	 2003 CHEVROLET CAB/CHASSIS Crew Cab - LT - 4 X 4 - AT - Diesel	 2005 TOYOTA COROLLA CE AT-4 - Great on Gas	 2006 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING AT-6 - Clean Car

NO Applications Turned Down
Financing Available For Everyone!!!!

Cook Chevrolet, Inc - Cook Ford, Inc

897-2297 • 1-800-422-4680 • 610 N. Troy Highway • Elba, Alabama 36323 • 897-3130 • 1-888-870-9406 • 620 N. Troy Highway

ARCHIVES/COLLECTION MAN 1-1-206
624 WASHINGTON AVE
MONTGOMERY AL 36130-0100

The Elba Clipper

Volume 109, Number 46

50 Cents

Elba, Alabama

Thursday, April 27, 2006

1 Section, 14 Pages Plus 2 Adv. Inserts

While no action has been taken yet by Coffee County Commissioners Bid suggests garbage collection fees will increase for Coffee County residents

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners opened bids Monday morning, April 24, for the county's garbage collection service; however, the matter was tabled to allow further discussion at a work session meeting.

Only one bid was submitted for the service. The garbage collection bid is a three-year bid, and after commissioners opened the bid, it became apparent that Coffee County citizens may very well be paying more for their garbage collection during the next three years.

The submitted bid came from Arrow at \$78,711 per month. "We were anticipating a rather large increase," said county engineer Randy Tindell. "This is a three year bid, and the price of fuel has increased drastically since the last bid."

According to Tindell, the county currently pays just over \$52,000 per month for garbage collection. County residents

currently pay the county \$11.50 per month for the service.

If the new bid is approved as submitted by Arrow, Tindell said the county is looking at about a 60 percent increase to what is being paid now. He said residents will pay \$18.35 per month with the new bid.

Tindell said everything looked to be in order with the bid, but Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he would like the commission to table the bid and invite representatives from Arrow to attend the commission's next work session to discuss the issue further before any action is taken.

Commissioners unanimously voted to table the issue. The work session in which commissioners will further discuss the garbage collection is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m. at the county complex in New Brockton. No official action; however, can be taken at the work session.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Robert Stephens said he would like to request a

During Elba City Council meeting Mayor Grimes reports lower than expected sanitary sewer repair bids

by Fernin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting was without surprises Monday evening.

Mayor James Grimes presented the good news that the recently opened Sanitary Sewer Repair Bids came in lower than expected. With a recommendation from Grimes, the council approved accepting the low bid.

The work will be done for \$415,589.50 by J. P. Carter Construction Co. of Geneva.

The only other bid received was for about \$450,000. The project is being completed with partial funding from a CDBG grant. These are federal funds administered through state of Alabama offices. The work will be in an area which includes the Mullins/Kendrick Apartments area.

Grimes also recommended the council enter into a contract with ALATAX, a Birmingham firm which tracks businesses which are illegally avoiding paying business licenses. The firm works on a 50/50 share basis with all funds collected.

The company does research and claims to collect an average of \$65,575 in communities between 4,000 and 5,000 population. They go back five years,

collect back license fees, interest and penalties.

Both Enterprise and New Brockton have used the firm in the past. Enterprise reportedly gained 675 new business licenses and additional revenue of \$162,277. New Brockton gained 57 new business licenses and additional revenue of \$5,743.

The council voted unanimously to work with this firm on delinquent city licenses.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that day to day business seems to be working well within the city.

Grimes reported that a recreation grant to rebuild the tennis courts at Hawkins Williams Park and construct new bathrooms at Legion Field has been turned down. He explained that funds for this type grant had been cut to about a third of what they were in previous years.

The \$48,500 grant application will be resubmitted next year.

The Mayor also informed council members that city crews are in the process of relocating water and sewer lines along Highway 84 West. This is in anticipation of the Alabama Highway Department beginning four-laning work along this section of the highway.

copy of who has and who has not paid their garbage bill.

"This is something I think we

Please See CCC, Page 10

NOTICE

The Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) informs the public that Bullard Excavating Inc. will be entering Phase IV of construction which consists of shifting two-way traffic to the new weekend roadway on U.S. Highway 84 from State Road 299 Off Bypass to County Road 80. Also, DOT officials said Phase IV will consist of shifting two-way traffic to the new weekend roadway on U.S. Hwy. 84 from County Road 30 in Coffee and Covington counties to West of State Road 141 West of Elba.

According to DOT officials, traffic will not be shifted Monday, April 24.

The contractor will erect advance construction warning signs to advise the traveling public of the construction work zone. Motorists are advised to be cautious when traveling through and around the construction zone.

Any inquiry concerning this work should be directed to the following: Tad Perkins, project superintendent, (334) 489-6170; William Wolford, district engineer, (334) 222-5555; and Franklin T. Bowers, project engineer, (334) 493-9393.

Curtis Community Volunteer Fire Department formation meeting set for Thursday, May 4th

A meeting for the purpose of starting a Volunteer Fire Department in the Curtis Community has been set for Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the New Ebenezer Baptist Church (Curtis community).

This is a very important meeting as the decision will be made at this time on whether or not to

continue with the organizational process.

Anyone living within a 5-mile radius of the water well is asked to attend this meeting. Ray Mott of the Alabama Forestry Commission will be at the meeting to help organizers get started.

For questions, call 897-2583.

Galen McWaters announces candidacy for District 3 seat on C.C. Board of Education

Galen L. McWaters announces his candidacy to seek the Republican nomination for the District 3 seat on the Coffee County Board of Education.

McWaters said he realizes the first question potential voters want answered is, "Why are you seeking election to the Coffee County Board of Education?" He replies, "My answer to that ques-



DOWN WE GO...Elba Elementary School teacher Michelle Grimes seems a bit uneasy about her trip down the giant slide found last Friday, April 21, on the football field of Tiger Stadium as part of the annual Field Day for elementary students and faculty. On the other hand, Grimes' student intern, Stephanie Berry, shows a child-like expression of fun on the way down. The slide seemed to be a much enjoyed attraction during field day for both the students and faculty. It's not known, though, if anyone was able to talk Mrs. Grimes into another trip down. Additional scenes from the day are on Page 14.

UWA plans to bestow honorary Doctor of Laws to Rep. Terry Spicer

The University of West Alabama will honor approximately 280 graduates during

graduation exercises Saturday, May 6, 2006. The ceremony takes place at 10:30 a.m. in Pruitt Gymnasium on the UWA campus, with the Presidential Reception beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Bell Conference Center.

In addition to the conferring of degrees in the Colleges of Business, Education, Liberal

Arts, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics, the Division of Nursing and the School of Graduate Studies, the

University will bestow an honorary Doctor of Laws to commencement speaker Terry Spicer from Elba, Ala., a member of the Alabama House of Representatives. President

Richard Holland will also announce the William E. Gilbert Award for Outstanding Teaching, given annually at commencement to recognize excellence in classroom instruction at UWA. First awarded in 1984, the Gilbert Award winner is selected by a student committee nominated by the University deans and chosen by the Student Government Association.

Rep. Terry Spicer began his career in the Alabama House of Representatives in 1998 and, since then, has distinguished himself through service on a

variety of committees. He serves as Vice Chairperson of the Education Committee and is a member of the Education, Finance and Appropriations Committee. He is also the Chairperson of Personnel Management on the State Government Committee and is a member of the Alabama Workforce Investment Board and the Farm Programs Advisory Committee.

Spicer is a board member of the Children's First Trust Fund and serves on the Cardiac Arrest Survival Commission. He was elected Vice Chairman and Chairman Elect of the Southern Legislative Conference Education Committee. On a national level, he serves on the Education Committee for the National Conference on State Legislatures.

Please See SPICER, Page 10

ards of the tax dollars provided to schools to reflect the family val-

ues we hold dear here in Coffee County and I believe this viewpoint is shared by the overwhelming majority of the citizens in Coffee County. I know many people assume that since we are in south Alabama we are immune from teachers expressing

controversial viewpoints in the classroom. But there was an incident recently here in Alabama where a teacher showed students a video laced with profane captions under images of President Bush and other government officials. This incident occurred in an eighth grade science class where politics should not even be discussed. The teacher involved is still in the classroom, not even receiving a suspension. This is another example why we need everything within our power to maintain local control of our school systems and to make sure those charged with governing our school systems represent the values of the people. If elected I promise the people of District 3 and throughout the county that their values will be represented on the Coffee County Board of

Please See McWaters, Page 10

Area Happenings

THE NEW BROCKTON SPRING FISHING FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, April 29, from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Coffee County Fair Center in New Brockton. The day's events will include vendors, Big-B-Q contests (4-Her's and adults) and lots of entertainment.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold D.A.R.E. graduation Friday, May 12, at 9 a.m. in the school's cafeteria. The guest speaker will be Coffee County District Court Judge Paul Shilling.

THE ZION CHAPEL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER (ZCLC) will offer a summer enrichment program for students who have completed grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. This program will run for two weeks from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, June 12, and ending Friday, June 23. Enrollment class is limited. Registration will be held during the Spring Program at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 27, in the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium.

WOMEN DRESSED IN PURPLE AND RED surrounded Elba Mayor James Grimes (seated) Tuesday morning, April 25, as he signed a proclamation recognizing April 25th as National Red Hat Day. April 25th is the anniversary of the very first gathering of the Red Hat Society; therefore, the Red Hatters celebrate the society's birthday on that date. In signing the proclamation, Mayor Grimes said the mothers and grandmothers of the Red Hat Society are never too old to play dress up and have tea parties. He went on to recognize that the main responsibility of Red Hatters is to have fun. The proclamation signified the support of the City of Elba to the Dixie Darling Red Hatters. Those in attendance for the proclamation signing included: (front row, left to right) Ruth Inman, Mary Sue Kelley, Mary Jon Brown, Betty Rogers and Betty Hicks; (back row, left to right) Gwen Marsh, Mary Alice Lee, Sherry Church, Sara Hughes and Patty Sasser.